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All Counsel

Re: Increase in bar membership fee - Effective January 1, 2005

Dear Counsel:

Effective January 1, 2005, all of the United States Courts of Appeals will begin collecting a national \$150 fee for new bar memberships. This national fee will be in addition to whatever local fee may be required to join the circuit's bar. In the Eighth Circuit, the fee for admission to the bar will increase from \$40 to \$190. This fee has been imposed at the direction of the Judicial Conference of the United States.

The national fee will be collected every time you join a new bar. For example, if you join the Seventh Circuit's bar and the Eighth Circuit's bar after January 1, both courts will collect the \$150 fee, in addition to their local fee.

If you or members of your firm have plans to join our bar or any other Court of Appeals bar in the near future, you may wish to take this information into account in your planning.

The Eighth Circuit's bar membership form can be accessed on our website at [www.ca8.uscourts.gov/newcoa/coaFrame.html](http://www.ca8.uscourts.gov/newcoa/coaFrame.html). Click on "Forms" and then select admission.pdf

Please feel free to share this letter with other members of your firm.

Sincerely,  
Michael E. Gans  
Clerk of Court